

ACR 203  
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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BACKGROUND

Since 1990, the month of May has marked Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month around the country. Initially designated APIA Heritage Week through a Joint Resolution signed by President Carter in 1978, the recognition of APIA heritage in America was extended by President Bush.

THIS BILL

ACR 203, introduced by the Assembly Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, acknowledges the long, tumultuous history of APIAs in California since the first wave of immigration to the state in the 1800s, and that they are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state. The resolution commends APIAs for their notable accomplishments and outstanding service to the state, and officially recognizes May 2002 as APIA Heritage Month in California.

If you support this legislation, please send letters to:

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